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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A walk reel mower, which comprises:

(a) a reel mower frame on which a power source is carried;

(b) an upwardly extending handle assembly connected at its lower end to the reel mower frame, the handle assembly including a portion which the operator can grip to guide the reel mower frame while the operator walks behind the reel mower frame;

(c) a traction drive for propelling the reel mower frame across the ground, the traction drive being powered by the power source;

(d) a reel cutting unit carried on the front of the reel mower frame, the reel cutting unit having a reel cutting unit frame which carries:

(i) a helically bladed cutting reel which is rotatable about a substantially horizontal, transverse axis;

(ii) a bedknife which cooperates with the cutting reel such the rotatable cutting reel sweeps standing grass against the bedknife to cut the grass; and

(iii) front and rear ground engaging wheel or roller supports for allowing the reel cutting unit to be self supporting and to move over the ground; and

(e) a suspension system comprising relatively rigid links pivotally connecting the reel cutting unit frame to the reel mower frame such that the reel cutting unit can roll about a substantially horizontal, longitudinal axis.

2. (original) The walk reel mower of claim 1, wherein the suspension system comprises at least one pair of inclined rigid links for pivotally connecting the reel cutting unit frame to the reel mower frame such that the reel cutting unit can roll about the longitudinal axis.

3. (original) The walk reel mower of claim 2, wherein each link is located offset from a longitudinal centerline of the reel cutting unit so that the links are on opposite sides of the centerline, and wherein the links are further inclined inwardly relative to one another and relative to a vertical line passing through the upper end of each link so that the lower end of each link is closer to the longitudinal centerline of the reel cutting unit than is the upper end of each link.

4. (original) The walk reel mower of claim 2, wherein lines drawn through the links are inclined towards each other and will intersect at a focal point, and wherein the focal point is located relatively low with respect to the reel cutting unit.

5. (original) The walk reel mower of claim 4, wherein the focal point is located along the longitudinal axis about which the cutting unit rolls.

6. (original) The walk reel mower of claim 5, wherein the focal point is at the center of the bedknife when the reel cutting unit is sitting on flat and level ground.

7. (original) The walk reel mower of claim 2, wherein the suspension system further includes relatively rigid arms

for pivotally connecting the reel cutting unit frame to the reel mower frame such that the reel cutting unit can pitch about a substantially horizontal, transverse axis.

8. (original) The walk reel mower of claim 7, further including a cutting unit carrier frame that includes a transverse cross member having downwardly extending, vertical support arms at either end thereof, wherein the inclined rigid links extend between the cross member of the carrier frame and the reel mower frame, and wherein the vertical support arms are pivotally connected to the reel cutting unit frame.

9. (original) The walk reel mower of claim 8, wherein the lower end of each vertical support arm includes an inwardly protruding circular hub which rotatably engages or journals a shaft of the cutting reel.

10. (original) The walk reel mower of claim 7, wherein lines drawn through the links are inclined towards each other and will intersect at a focal point, and wherein the focal point is located beneath the attachment of the vertical arms to the reel cutting unit frame.

11. (original) A walk reel mower, which comprises:

(a) a reel mower frame on which a power source is carried;

(b) an upwardly extending handle assembly connected at its lower end to the reel mower frame, the handle assembly including a portion which the operator can grip to guide the reel mower frame while the operator walks behind the reel mower frame;

(c) a traction drive for propelling the reel mower frame across the ground, the traction drive being powered by the power source;

(d) a reel cutting unit carried on the reel mower frame, the reel cutting unit having a cutting reel which is rotatable about a substantially horizontal, transverse axis which reel cooperates with a bedknife to cut grass; and

(e) at least one pair of inclined rigid links for pivotally connecting the reel cutting unit frame to the reel mower frame such that the reel cutting unit can roll about a longitudinal axis, wherein each link in the at least one pair is located offset from a longitudinal centerline of the reel cutting unit so that the links are on opposite sides of the centerline, and wherein the links in the at least one pair are further inclined inwardly relative to one another and relative to a vertical line passing through the upper end of each link so that the lower end of each link is closer to the longitudinal centerline of the reel cutting unit than is the upper end of each link.

12. (original) The walk reel mower of claim 11, wherein lines drawn through the links are inclined towards each other and will intersect at a focal point located at the center of the bedknife.

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